Commissioning of ONGC Fields

2823. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to technical reasons two ONGC fields, Panna (PBDE) and Neelam were to be commisioned in March and December, 1994 respectively;

(b) whether Government propose to advance production of the aforesaid areas; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Production from PD platform in Panna field was started in February 1993, and from PB and AE platforms is now expected to start by end March 1993, about one year ahead of earlier schedule. Neelam-2 platform is also planned to be put on early production in July 1993, about one year ahead of schedule and ONGC is also studying the techno-economic scheme for early production from Neelam-4 platform?

Shortfall in oil production of ONGC

2824. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC's production during fiscal year 1992-93 has fallen short by 1.22 million tonnes;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of oil-wells have been shut down during May-June 1992;

(c) whether it is a fact that ONGC's production during the Eighth Five Year Plan is likely to fall short of the planned target; and

(d) if so, details thereof and Government's plan to meet the shortfall of petroleum production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The shortfall is on account of closing of wells and other reasons. A number of oil and gas field development projects are being implemented to enhance the indigenous production of crude oil. Government have also offered certain discovered oil and gas field for development by private companies. However, any shortfall in production will have to be met through imports.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन

2825. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान देश में अनेक नई परियोजनाओं से कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन प्रारम्भ किये जाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत में इन परियोजनाओं से कितना वार्षिक उत्पादन होने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह सभी सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत में देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों तथा तेल की खपत की मात्रा का भी अनुमान लगाया गया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह मात्रा कितनी होने का अनुमान है ; और

(ङ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत में देश को अपनी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए कितनी मात्रा में पैट्रोल, डीजल, मिटटी का तेल तथा रसोई गैस का आयात करना होगा ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) (क)

और (ख) 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतिम वर्ष अर्थात् 1996-97 में नई परियोजनाओं से लगभग 11.6 मिलियन टन उत्पादन होने की आशय है ।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान लगभग 79 मिलियन टन पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मांग होने का अनुमान है ।

(ङ) इस समय पेट्रोल का आयात नहीं किया जाता है । डीजल, मिट्टी के तेल तथा एल पी जी के आयात का निर्धारण मांग और घरेलू उत्पादन की स्थिति को देखते हुए वर्ष-दर-वर्ष किया जाता है ।

Southern Gas Grid

2826. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the setting up of a Southern gas grid; the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the projected expansion of TBJ pipeline would adversely affect the availability of natural gas for the Southern gas grid; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The concept of laying a gas pipeline to the Southern States has been approved in principle.

(b) and (c) The gas that would be supplied along such a pipeline would be over and above the requirements of the HBJ pipeline.

Import of Natural Gas from Iran

2827. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to import natural gas from Iran via a sub-sea/overland pipeline to meet our domestic demands;

(b) if so, what are the prompting factors for taking such a decision fraught with political and security risks; and

(c) whether the Government contemplate to abandon working on lopaided priorities and concentrate on our own natural gas reserves in Bombay High harnessed for domestic consumption through a grid connecting South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (b) A proposal for the import of natural gas through a pipeline from the Middle East is at a conceptual stage.

(c) Efforts are being made to optimise the production of oil and gas from Bombay High.

Commissioning of HBJ Pipeline

2828. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the HBJ pipeline commissioned;

(b) what was the capacity of this pipeline at the time of commissioning;

(c) what has been the total expenditure incurred on commissioning the pipeline; and

(d) what has been the capacity utilisation of the pipeline year-wise since it was commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The HBJ pipeline was commissioned in phases between August 1987 and March 1989.

(b) 18.2 MMSCMD.